



HATCHINGS from the USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3)

Commanding Officer: Capt. C.R. Solem
September 2002



CAPTAINS OUTLOOK

Dear Families and Friends,

This month we have two focused events scheduled. In remembrance of September 11th and the deaths associated in the hijacking of four airplanes and the tragedies of those crashes, a memorial service will be conducted. The purpose of our naval presence is to be part of the lengthy process to eradicate those who want to interrupt the peace and freedoms enjoyed by all Americans and our allies.

The support you give to your sailor on BELLEAU WOOD is greatly appreciated and adds meaning and purpose to our days.

September is Hispanic-American Heritage Month, so plans are in full swing for a celebration with some of the talent spotlighted on another of the rich cultures making the fabric of our nation so great. We pride ourselves in being an organization where the dignity of all is fully respected and the opportunity for everyone to reach their full potential can be realized.

This month Advancement Exams for Petty Officers will be administered and every where I go on the ship, sailors are diligently studying for the exams. The results will be received in early December right before our return to San Diego.

God Bless you all,
Captain Craig Solem

the EMPOWER YOURSELF ARG

"The best learning environment is the one where you don't know you're learning."

"it was great...I will be back next month - Sherry



"It was not only informative and educational but entertaining as well." - Maria

the Empower Yourself ARG has been created to empower, educate, and inform family and friends, in an environment that is interactive and creative as well as being informative.

the Empower Yourself ARG is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Murphy Canyon Chapel from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

It is open to **all** family and friends of the ARG - USS Belleau Wood, USS Denver and USS Mount Vernon.

Come join us, September 10th and learn how to "HONOR THY SELF"

TEAM OMBUDSMAN

As military spouses and family members, the events of September 11th, are not a distant memory, yet, a reality we live with each day as our loved ones defend and protect us from future terrorism. We would like to dedicate this edition of Hatching to honoring you the spouses, family and friends of the USS Belleau Wood.

' L est we forget that which has scarred and made us stronger.
' L est we forget why our loved ones are where they are, doing what they do. ' L est we forget the "bigger picture. "

To those who wish us ill, the Family and Friends , of the USS Belleau Wood stand united. The bonds of military spouses and family members can not be shaken, broken or destroyed. We, stand for freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. All that makes America the land of the FREE and of the BRAVE.

To you, the spouse, mother or father, son or daughter, or friend, We honor you—Your commitment and dedication speaks volumes to the evil doers.

Who You Are Makes a Difference,

Kelley & Cindy

DID YOU KNOW....

Reactions to separation in children are as key to pay attention to as the stages of deployment (outlined June 2002) are? Outlined below are just a few reaction per age category. To learn more about these reactions and how to help your child through the various stages, contact FFSC at (619) 556-7404; (619) 545-6071 or 553-8306)

Infants and Toddlers: (birth to 3 yrs)



Being grumpy
Regressing (toddlers may revert to an easier time)
Changing their schedules (no longer takes a nap)

Pre Schoolers (3-6 yrs)



May become clingy
May be whiny
Follow parent around
Blame (remaining) parent

School Age: (6-10 yrs)



Change in school performance
Very Sensitive
Worry about finance and family

Pre Teen and Teens (11 to 18 yrs)



Moody, quiet or loud
Challenge parent ' s ideas and way of life
Misunderstood and Alone

Lingo Showdown



Lingo Showdown is an opportunity to hone your knowledge of Navy Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Terms and win "First Kiss" at Homecoming. Submit your answers to bwdbombsman@hotmail.com. Include your contact information as well as your sailor's information. All submission no later than 9/20/2002.

August's winners for First Kiss are... Erica Edwards, spouse of OS2 Edwards with Comphibron 5 and Jilleen Kesler, spouse of O1 Kesler.

September's Lingo

SCORE– What is this?

TSP - I am what and similar to what civilian program?

FDNF - who are they?

Gold Anchors - Why does Belleau Wood have them?

SITE - What am I?

Bonus– SS, SW, FMF & AW - What are these distinctions, where are they written and how do you get them? (you must have all 4)



GOOD LUCK!

YOU ASK...WE ANSWER

We received calls and emails after Hatchings was mailed in August regarding communication with families. We thought we'd share the various methods currently being used:

The Care lines—weekly updates
The monthly newsletter, Hatchings
Family Matters Group Events
The Empower Yourself ARG

Please know that the phone email trees are not for routine communications. These are utilized under direct order of the Captain and are typically only activated in the event of a natural disaster or an emergency pertaining to the ships well being.

Welcome Aboard DERIAN...7 pounds, 6 ounces born July 19th, to DT3 Roland!

Are you expecting a **New Hatching**? Or do you have a **New Hatching**? Please let us know by emailing or calling the careline. We would love to share your upcoming arrival or new arrival!

Did you know you can get "baby's first sea bag" from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Call (619) 238-1060 for more information.



"May you live every day of your life."

Jonathan Swift

From the desk of.... Father Shaughnessy



A Day of Infamy Revisited

Who in their wildest dreams would have thought, that in the early morning hours of September 11th, 2001, the world would stand still in disbelief as they watched two hijacked commercial airliners slam into the World Trade Center buildings of New York City. Before that dreadful day, the question of tragic conversation was where were you during the Okalahoma City bombing of April 1995? Out of those ashes, we rose from that tragedy and thought once again that we were safe and secure in our way of life and democracy. Seven years and 5 months later, we stood dumbfounded with disbelief as we watched the news and saw those aircraft crash into the World Trade Center followed by the edifices crumbling before our eyes. This tragedy, for the first time in decades, pulled us together as one nation.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked, President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed the nation with these words. "Dec. 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy". That same Sunday our nation entered WWII. The 9/11 attacks triggered Operation Enduring Freedom, immediately mobilizing our armed forces. The name of this war says it all. These words, "Enduring Freedom", tell us, that our freedom and democracy continues to prevail and is the cornerstone of our nation's prosperity and uniqueness. We have freedom to think, speak, worship, and engage in the pursuit of our happiness. FDR also said (*while addressing Congress on May 16, 1940*), "Our security is not a matter of weapons alone. The arm that wields them must be strong, the eye that guides them clear, the will that directs them, indomitable."

In the wake of the horrific events of September 11th 2001, President Bush told a battered nation, "...our resolve must not pass. Each of us will remember what happened that day and to whom it happened. We will remember the moment the news came, where we were and what we were doing...The course of this conflict is not known, yet its outcome is certain. Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them... Fellow citizens, we'll meet violence with patient justice, assured of the rightness of our cause and confident of the victories to come."

As we commemorate the events of September 11th, we look forward with hope for peace, a desire for a safe haven for our families, we long for healing for the families who have suffered, and we look to God to make all these hopes come to pass.

LT JOHN R. LOGAN, CHC USNR
USS BELLEAU WOOD, CHAPLAIN

Recipe for a Navy Spouse

1 ½ Cups Patience

1-Cup Courage

¾ Cup Tolerance

Dash of Adventure

1 Pound of Ability

With above ingredients

Add 2 Tablespoons Elbow

Grease.

Let stand-alone for six months.

Marinate frequently with salty tears.

Pour off excess fat.

Sprinkle ever so lightly with money.

Knead dough until payday.

Season with international spices.

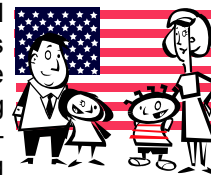
Bake 20 years or until done.

Serve with pride.



Family Matters Group

August's beach BBQ was a blast, we are making a special video of it to send to the ship. We also made a huge banner to send. We gave away pairs of whale watching tour tickets. (from horn blower cruises) September's event is going to be at Admiral Baker Park, on Sunday September 8th. We will be decorating pillowcases service to send to our members. We are asking that everyone bring a fabric paint or something to help decorate with. If everyone brings one or two we should have plenty. Also Last names A-G bring finger foods. H-N bring desserts. O-U bring drinks or sides V-Z bring ICE.



We have been having such a great time at these events, and hope to see every family member from the ship at , at least one of these events. We want to thank everyone for their help and support. Remember you can always check the carline for details on our events.



SPOTLIGHTing The USO

The USO is chartered by the Congress as a non-profit charitable corporation, it is not a part of the United States Government. It is endorsed by the President of the United States and the Department of Defense. Each President has been the Honorary Chairman of the USO since its inception.

The USO mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to uniformed military Personnel. The original intent of Congress—and enduring style of USO delivery—is to represent the American people by extending a "Touch of Home" to their military members. Thus, although some USO programs/services are similar to those provided by other agencies, the hallmark of the USO has been and will continue to be HOW—as much as WHAT—services are provided, which include:

- Newcomer briefings for troops and family members
- Cultural awareness seminars
- Airport service centers
- Family-oriented picnics and cookouts
- Children's programs (especially around holidays)
- High quality inexpensive tours
- Employment assistance for military service discharges
- New bride (and brides to be) orientations
- Telephone, Internet and email capabilities
- USO Canteens and USO Centers



Please visit the USO's website at www.uso.org or the San Diego USO at www.sandiegouso.org for a full listing of services and activities available to service members and their dependents.

We Need YOU to Volunteer

The 4th Tuesday of each month, family and friends meet to work on various projects for our service members. Please email or call the careline, if you would like to get involved and volunteer your time.



What's that NUMBER again?

Careline: 877.668.8036 or 619.699.8469

Email: bwdombudsman@hotmail.com

Emergencies : 619.666.9624 or 619.666.9628

Family Matters : 619.699.8469 x 3 out going message only.

Website: www.lha3.navy.mil

SEE Website for A calendar of events & Half Way Brunch Cruise flyers

HALF WAY BRUNCH CRUISE

WHEN:
SATURDAY SEPT 14

WHERE:
THE HORN BLOWER

WHO:
ANY ADULT FAMILY OR FRIEND OF USS
BELLEAU WOOD OR USS MT. VERNON

TIME:
11 AM TO 1 PM

COST:
\$20 TO 25.00 PER ADULT

WHERE DO I GET TICKETS? ANY MWR

RSVP: To the ombudsmen after you purchase
your ticket (s)

SEE YOU THERE

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory!

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower - June 6, 1944

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

Thomas Paine